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# Readers Say—

### Graham and Buffalo

*To the Editor:*

I do not know who gave you the information concerning the Billy Graham Crusade in Buffalo (*Action*, February 1) but I can not conceive of a report as garbled as this one was.

Here are the facts: Eighty churches of the Buffalo Council of Churches responded favorably in support of the Campaign. Sixty-five churches of the Evangelical Minister's Fellowship have responded favorably to the campaign. Neither the Buffalo Council of Churches nor the Evangelical Minister's Fellowship is officially endorsing the campaign. A committee representative of the entire church life of the Niagara Frontier is actively engaged in the plans and preparation of Dr. Graham's visit in the summer of 1959. Every indication points to the fact that there will be tremendous support given to the Crusade. Even at the present time, eighteen months before the Crusade is scheduled to start, every major denomination in the area has indicated some measure of support.

PETER PASCOE, Chairman
Billy Graham Crusade
of Greater Buffalo

Buffalo, N.Y.

### "Greater Works"

*To the Editor:*

In reading the article entitled "The Teaching Ministry of the Church" (*Action*, January 15) I am reminded again that our teaching is concentrated mostly on "be good and behave yourself as Jesus would approve of" and everything will be all right. This article mentions a nucleus of concerned, praying, visiting, Bible reading, witnessing Christians upon whom at harvest time the evangelist and the pastor can depend.

It seems to me that the church, that is to say, the church officials, pastors and Sunday School teachers are perfectly willing to proclaim the gospel of salvation and moral and spiritual regeneration, but when it comes to teaching how to put into practice the teaching of Jesus that "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also and greater works than these shall he do because I go unto my Father," there seems to be a great reluctance to even mention such a possibility.

"To them gave he power to become the Sons of God." Does this mean what it says? If not why is it in the Bible? And why is it continually bypassed as far as getting down to business and teaching converts how to become the Sons of God? Not just believers in the existence of a God but those who can function as Sons of God, doing the works that Jesus did. Not just evangelists with big tents or auditoriums but individual Christians in fact who by doing the works that Jesus did would draw more men to Him than a dozen Billy Grahams (without in the least disparaging his tremendous accomplishments).

DON B. CARD

Portland, Ore.

### "A Fine Ministry"

*To the Editor:*

You are carrying on a fine ministry in *United Evangelical Action*. I always read it with great interest. The latest issue (February 1) has just arrived and I am taking it with me on a trip to Cleveland in order to give it considerable attention en route. We pray that God's strength and grace may be yours in rich measure.

MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER

Forest Park, Ill.

### Nature of Communism

*To the Editor:*

I want to compliment you on the splendid editorial in the February 1 issue, "The Nature of the Beast." It gives a clear picture of Communism. I would like to have your permission to reproduce it without charge for wider distribution.

If people will read your editorial in connection with Senator Flanders' article, "The Crisis in American Education," they will be able to know how progressive education has knowingly or unknowingly led many to receive Communism.

I am most grateful for the work you and your group are doing.

TYLER W. PAYTON

Waco Tex.

### Changes at KABC

*To the Editor:*

Since Mr. John Hansen is no longer with Station ABC, Los Angeles, I am taking the liberty of giving you the following information.

There was a rumor, it is true, to the effect KABC was dropping all religious programs (*Action*, Jan. 1). I am happy to inform you, however, that this is not the case and that we are continuing our regular religious programming on Sundays as we have done for the past few years.

I trust this will allay your fears on this subject and that you will continue to listen to "Hour of Decision" and other programs regularly on KABC.

DRESSER DAHLSTEAD

Hollywood, Calif.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Our information came through the authentic Religious News Service. Evidently there have been some changes made at KABC.]

**FRONT PAGE—With the observance of the Lenten season churches throughout America will be filled with worshippers each Sunday, climaxing with Easter services on April 6.—** *RNS Photo.*


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# MAN'S FAILURE AND WORLD-WIDE EVANGELISM

By HYMAN J. APPELMAN
Internationally-known evangelist

THREE things are involved in the scene all about us. First, there is the Plight of the Continents, of the countries of the world. Second, there is the Position of our Beloved Country, the United States of America. Third, there is the Program of the Church of the living God in this day and time. There are some things that characterize each of these points, that call for the careful consideration of even the most thoughtless among us.

## Plight of the Continents

The Plight of the Continents, of the countries of the earth, can be covered by the one terrible word, "MAN'S FAILURE." You may write that word across every modern venture. You can label with it every undertaking proposed by man today.

There is the failure of education, both secular and, God help us, even religious. There was a time in religious circles when men were educated to draw them closer to God. In this day and time, the great schools seem to major on the proposition of educating men away from God, or at least of explaining God away. The great schools everywhere, at one time dedicated to the production of mighty faith, become tools, agencies, enlisting grounds for Satan. God forbid that I should even seem to be criticizing. My heart is too tormented for that. My soul is troubled at the thought of the poison disseminated by these institutions of learning. This fact is prevalent, not only in America, but in all the world. Satanic influences, sinful tendencies, atheistic proclivities have taken over the educational systems of a world sinking into the muck, the mire, the morass of doubt, of superstition, of uncertainty, of misgiving. Even in our own country, built and based as it was on Christian principles, founded as it was by Christian people, this holds true. America is anything but Christian. Its institutions teach everything but Scriptural, spiritual Christianity. Every sort of godless vagary is permitted in our schools. Forces have risen across the land to prohibit even the distribution of the Bible to our children.

Think, then, with me of what it must be like in Russia, in China, in India, in Africa, in Latin America. I heard an outstanding Hungarian, at the Los Angeles Breakfast Club, say that there now remains the possibility of saving only a part of the world, that the rest of it has already been taken over by Communistic forces.

Our educators have failed to learn the bitter lesson of the last few years. The atheistic, rationalistic, infidel, unbelieving educational system of Germany produced in one generation two of the bloodiest wars modern times have seen. The education of Japan, barring God, Christ, the New Testament, resulted in the atavistic bestiality of the rape of China, the dastardly attack on Pearl Harbor, the Cannibalism of the Pacific. The inevitable results of godless education is war, bloodshed, barbarism,, savagery, hatred, racial inequality, a world torn by strife.

Come with me to the realms of diplomacy, both national and international. Think of the secrecy of it, of the selfishness of it. Think of Great Britain and France selling Czechoslovakia down the river to Hitler's brutality in order that there might be peace for some time. Think of England, the supposed St. George fighting the dragon, champion of the poor and oppressed, standing by while Mussolini and his Italian braggarts march into and rape Ethiopia. Think of both England and the United States of America idling while the Japanese rape Nanking and make a shambles of Shanghai, while they write a volume of suffering across prostrate, bleeding China

that will set that land back for, perhaps, generations. Think of England and the United States of America standing by while Hitler's Panzer Divisions thunder across Austria, Hungary, Roumania, Greece, and the other countries. It was only when Hitler's Divisions began to throw stones, as it were, at the Cliffs of Dover that England thrust itself into the fray. It was only after many months of bitter warfare and bloodshed that America came to help England and Russia beaten to their knees.

The end is not yet. Secret treaties, secretly arrived at, are still the bane of national relationships. It is small wonder, and I am not defending them, that the Russians pay very little attention, having very little faith, to any offers of the UNO. How much can we depend on Russia's promises? I remember the time, and I am not so very old, when the plenipotentiaries of the world met in Versailles to sign the Peace Treaty at the end of the four terrible years between 1914 and 1918. There they talked about a peace that would last forever, at least for a thousand years. A few years later when Hitler had risen into power and the Germans were arming themselves for the fray, the diplomats spoke about peace in our time. You will note, if you read UNO reports carefully, that now the talk is not at all about peace. It is a matter of how long war can be staved off, a war that seems to be as inevitable as that day follows night. You may write across the diplomatic dealings of men with men, of nations with nations, the awful words "MAN'S FAILURE."

As never before in the history of modern civilization, we have the problem of militarism, of Jingoism. True, America never will be imperialistic in the sense of wanting aught belonging to any other nation. America never will be imperialistic in the sense of attacking a smaller neighbor because it covets the smaller neighbor's land. Yet we know that America is girding itself for inevitable battle. It is true in Russia. It is true in England. It is true in France. It is true with every other of the great nations that has not been beaten to its knees in the last war. The conquering nations, the nations that came out victoriously in the last war, have greater military budgets, greater military establishments than they have ever had, except in actual warfare. Therein is the danger. Sooner or later, some incident will happen that will send the Russian legions plunging into battle, just as surely as an incident sent Kaiser Wilhelm's battalions across Belgium, and Hitler's Panzer Divisions across Poland.

We who are of the Kingdom, the children of God, we who with clear eyes and burdened hearts watch the current scene, know and have known that militarism does not solve any problem. It seems to us strange that people outstanding in science, in arts, in philosophy, in political economy, should be foolish enough to believe that wars can settle any problem.

Continue with me into the realm of religion. Consider what is happening around the globe. The missionary enterprises have not yet fully recovered from the shock of the past war. Communism, with its atheistic basis, is swiftly gaining headway in Europe and Asia, as well as in the United States of America. There is no sign of revival fires. True, we have heard reports here, there and yonder of great meetings, of great nights, of great ingatherings of souls, but those who have been and are on the scene, who have spiritual discernment, are almost unanimous in their sweeping conviction that there is no sign of an old-time Holy Ghost revival. Religion has been diluted. Modernism, liberalism, even infidelity, have crept into every one of the great denominations. South of the Mason and Dixon line, the place formerly known slurringly as "The Bible Belt," has begun to succumb to the insidious onslaught of the enemy of souls. Travel with me from one end of the country to the other. There is such a bitter, blighting unconcern on the part of God's people to the claims of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the claims of souls around about them. Large churches are closing their services on Sunday night. Numbers of churches are giving up the seemingly futile struggle against the spiritual lethargy and apathy in the matter of a Wednesday night, or Thursday night prayer meeting. Where they are to get the power from God to carry on their activities, the Lord in Heaven alone knows. Here, also, you may write in letters as black as hell, as lofty as Heaven, "MAN'S FAILURE."

There you have it. In education, in diplomacy, in statesmanship, in militarism, in religion itself, the terrible words, the bleak, black, corroding, corrupting, condemning words, "MAN'S FAILURE," may be blazed in words as heavy as lead upon the soul of the God-fearing Christian. Turn in every direction, whithersoever you wish, and you will find the ruin of man's attempt to lift himself by his boot straps.

## Position of Our Country

The second word I press upon you is the Position of Our Country. America is "God's favorite." America, has been the favorite of God from its very beginning. It has grown to larger proportions faster than any other historic land. It is rich. It is still democratic. It is generous. It has proved itself nonaggressive in imperialistic coveting or attack. Accuse the United States of America of imperialism and you must define your terms. It does not mean the imperialism of Napoleon, of Hitler, not even of France and England. It may be imperialistic in business, in mass production, in the ceaseless contest for the market of the earth. Outside of that, speaking from the standpoint of international relationship, it is definitely not imperialistic.

America, thus far, has, in a great measure, sufficed in itself, in its isolated grandeur and abundant wealth. That has been broken down completely, never to be rebuilt, by the two terrible wars which we have faced. Conditions of travel, means of communication, have already made the entire world a neighborhood. All nations are neighbors now. Right now, the Christian world and the pagan world are at odds, arrayed in battle against each other. Call it Communism. Call it Nazism. Call it Fascism. Call it what you will, it is God on one side and pagan Satan on the other. All the missionaries we have sent, we shall send, we are sending, will be but a dribble as compared with the vast flood of commercial travelers that are being rushed abroad by the industries, the factories, the great combines of the United States.

What will these business missionaries, and they are missionaries of our businesses, carry abroad? Will it be drink, lust, gambling? Will it be of Christ, of Christianity, of the New Testament, of the Cross? Will they be true to the patriotic, puritanic, vigorous, virile, faithful practices that have made America the outstanding nation of the world? It is our bounden duty to send from our shores the choicest, the best Christian representatives to other lands.

Read the papers even casually. Watch the pictures displayed on the front pages of our periodicals, especially the larger ones in the greater cities. From all over the globe, people of all nations are flocking to our shores. They are coming here for education. They are coming here to study our politics. They are coming here to enter into our economic system, to understand it, and to take it home with them. They are coming here to travel from one end of this country to the other, to try to ascertain what makes America great. What sort of an impression will we make upon them. What will we do with them while they are here? What will we pass on to them? Shall

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# BILLY GRAHAM'S CRUSADE TACTICS AND THE BIBLE

By GLENWOOD BLACKMORE

I HAVE BEEN challenged by some of my very good Fundamentalist friends who think Billy Graham is compromising when he cooperates with liberal and neo-orthodox churchmen in the sponsorship of his crusades. I am for Billy 100 per cent and believe he is only using the techniques of Christ and Paul in seeking the lost.

My good friends say, "We challenge you to prove your position by the Scriptures. We don't believe you can do it." So I sat down the other day to refresh my mind in a study of the New Testament and I came up with some findings which I should like to share with a larger audience.

First of all, I start with Billy Graham. He is a Bible-believing evangelical. He preaches salvation by grace through faith and makes the cross and the shed-blood of Christ central in his message. Time after time he quotes his authority, "The Bible says! The Bible says!!" If you don't believe it, ask the *Christian Century* or any dyed-in-the-wool liberal in the world. If Billy begins to compromise the Gospel, I'll no longer support him, but as long as he is loyal to the "faith once for all delivered," he is my brother in Christ.

Second, Billy has a divine call. He believes it so thoroughly and sincerely that even the most hard-boiled newsmen are impressed. You cannot be in his presence ten minutes without believing it yourself. A man who has a divine call to preach the Gospel and seek and save the lost; a man who has made an absolutely complete surrender to Christ body, mind and spirit and seeks to do only the will of God is not going to be too much concerned about what other people think he ought to say and do. Like the Apostle Paul he did not get his marching orders from men and he is not preaching to please men (Gal. 1:10-19). The miraculous results which have attended Billy's ministry are ample proof of the blessing and approval of God. Never in our day has a single individual preacher been more marvelously used in the saving of souls.

Now let us see how Jesus Christ conducted His ministry. He preached anywhere and everywhere the opportunity offered—in the synagogues, in the Temple, in the market places, in the homes, on the streets to the masses, to select companies, and to individuals. He cut across all traditional lines showing equal concern for the scribes, the Pharisees, the Sadducees, the gentiles, the Samaritans, and men of no religious conviction.

Soon He began to be severely criticized. The Pharisees saw him eating and drinking with publicans and sinners and accused him of breaking the law of separation (Matt. 9:10-13; Mark 2:15-17; Luke 5:29-39). In John 4:1-42 He preached the gospel to the Samaritans in a meeting sponsored by a woman who had five husbands and was living in adultery. He boldly declared that He had "other sheep" which were beyond the fold of Israel (John 10:16) and encouraged the ministries of men who healed in His name but walked not in the company of His disciples (Mark 9:38-42) saying, "He that is not against us is for us." Even John the Baptist was persuaded that His conduct cast doubt on His Messiahship (Matt. 11:2-19) but Christ said,"Go and show John again the things which ye do hear and see: the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk . . . the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached unto them." The proof was in the results! When Jesus withdrew from Judea altogether for a season and "walked in Galilee" His own disciples became critical and doubted He was the Son of God (John 7:1-13). There is scarcely a criticism levelled today against the evangelistic ministry of Billy Graham that was not, basically and essentially, levelled against Christ. And, basically and essentially, by the same sort of people.

BILLY GRAHAM
"The Bible says..."

Turning to the evangelistic record of the Apostle Paul, we see that he, too, was under fire. At first he was not accepted by the apostles and the Jerusalem Church (Galatians, chapters 1 and 2). Then he insisted on receiving the gentiles into full fellowship without circumcision. He was forced to dissolve missionary relationships with his good friend Barnabas in order to be true to his call as Apostle to the Gentiles. Paul preached in Jewish synagogues in services sponsored by men who were not Christians (Acts, chapters 18 and 19) but was always faithful in preaching the Gospel of Christ. In Athens he spoke in the Areopagus by permission and under the sponsorship of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers (Acts 17:16-34). The fundamentalist Judaizers in the Jerusalem Christian Church were so stirred up over these developments that Paul was advised to make peace with them (Acts 21:17-26), so he took some young Greek converts with him and went to the Temple for purification, having shaved their heads, fasted, prayed and made the customary offerings. Did this allay criticism? Both the Asian Jews and the gentile Christians were very unhappy about it. Finally, Paul decided to go ahead on the road the Holy Spirit had marked out for him with the result that thousands throughout Asia Minor and Europe heard and obeyed the Gospel and Christianity became a world force for righteousness. This became the evangelistic philosophy and policy of the great Apostle: "For

though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; to them that are without law, as without law (being not without law to God, under the law to Christ) that I might gain them that are without the law. To the weak became I as weak that I might gain the weak. I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you" (I Cor. 9:19-23). I am persuaded that this is also Billy Graham's evangelistic philosophy and policy. Some people don't like it any better today than the critics did in Paul's time.

Sometimes when I hear and read the bitter things that are said about Billy Graham and his work I picture him sitting alone in his hotel room meditating upon the criticism of his witness and feeling like the Apostle Paul when he wrote the Philippians from his prison cell in Rome: "Some indeed preach Christ in enmity and strife and some also in goodwill. The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds; but the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defense of the Gospel. What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therefore do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.

"For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ. According to my expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life or death."

Our brother Billy Graham is doing a great work in lifting up Christ the Saviour of the world. Let us support him with our prayers and our assistance as the Lord leads.

If my good Fundamentalist friends are still of a mind to withhold their prayers and support I plead with them at least to have the grace of Gamaliel the Pharisee who said of Peter and the other apostles in his address to the Sanhedrin: "Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what you intend to do as touching these men . . . . Let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought: but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God" (Acts 5:33-42).

## Man's Failure

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it be the dirt, the filth, the corruption of the movies? Shall we show them the religion of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ? Shall we show them that the secret of American greatness is found in the pages of the Bible, the Old Testament and the New? Shall we cause them to remember that Benjamin Franklin, himself not too outstanding a Christian, called the Continental Congress to prayer? Shall we remind them that Thomas Jefferson, whom some claim to be an atheist, copied great portions of the Bible in his own hand, that his version has been published in a book called "The Jefferson Bible"? What impressions will they carry away with them? What will their lives be like after their sojourn in the United States of America? What will they tell to their people when they come back? What will they write about us? What impression will the world get about America and Americans?

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The wonderful achievements of science are enabling us to reach the world by radio, and very, very soon by television. There is a question here also, a terrible question. What is television going to show them? What are the radios blaring forth? Is it going to continue to be beer, cigarettes, whiskey, Jack Benny, Charlie McCarthy, the Superman, Jack Armstrong, mystery thrillers? Will it be the Lord Jesus Christ, the Gospel, the shed blood of Him who loved them as well as He loved us?

Need I go into the dreadful details of this terrific problem? Television has already become a fact and a factor. It will be even more effective in propaganda than have been the movies. It will reach into more homes, into more out of the way places. It will present our way of thinking and our way of living to more people than we have reached in any other way. Here is something about which to pray. Here is something to evangelize. Here is something to use for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. Here is something for Christians who have the means to undertake, in the matter of promoting the carrying on of the Great Commission of our Lord and Saviour. Opportunities in this are terrific. Will we permit the world to take them over completely, or will Christians have something to say about them also?

May we hasten on to the last word. That is why we have this Book of Acts, the choicest Revival Manual on Earth. That is why these great city-wide revivals. That is why this appeal for post war evangelism. I have spoken to you about man's failure. I have referred you to God's favor; now, with all the passion and compassion of my soul, I plead for the Church's fervor.

We must recognize these emergencies in their world-wide implications. Again, beloved, it will be Bibles or bullets, or bayonets, or bombs, or the atomic bomb. We must realize that war plans, war promotions, war programs will not solve the problem. Some are obsolete. All are not enough. They can only produce and induce other even bloodier, increasingly bloodier wars. We must have something that is more vital, more authoritative, definitely of God.

We cannot give the world what we do not have. We are pouring out our wheat, our cattle, our supplies to the nations. We have an abundance and a super-abundance of these things. They will not serve the occasion. They will not do the work that needs to be done. We must have something more here to pass on to the world. We must have the old-time Gospel, preached in old-time fervor, with the old-time favor of God upon it. The thing that we need is revival here in our own land. America is undoubtedly the greatest mission field in the world. We must resolve to evangelize the United States of America. As goes America, so goes the world. If we have an overflowing righteousness, a holiness, a zealous fervor for the things of God, then, and only then can we hope to turn the world from savagery to sanity, from damnation to salvation, from the hordes of satanic influences to the person, the power, the passion, the program of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I beseech you, let us put first things first. Let us determine, with all of our hearts, that we will be in the vanguard of the attack against sin and Satan, that we will give ourselves to obeying II Chronicles 7:14 in every detail, that "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from

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# Trends in Protestantism

■ CURRENT CONFLICTS and trends in American Protestantism should deeply concern every evangelical Christian. We have, therefore, more than a passing interest in the editorial, "Theology, Evangelism and Ecumenism," in *Christianity Today* (January 20).

In this thoughtful survey and analysis Dr. Carl F. H. Henry holds that (1) in theology there is a departure from extreme fundamentalism, classical liberalism and early neo-orthodoxy with a resulting fluid theological climate; (2) in evangelism there is a broadening interest beyond the strictly evangelical orbit and (3) in ecumenism the NCC, the NAE and the ACC have fallen short of providing the ultimate channel through which effective unity will be achieved. In such a simplification of Dr. Henry's findings we cannot, of course, deal with some of his modifying views, but in general we believe this to be a fair summary.

With most of the editorial we are in substantial agreement and have frequently expressed similar views on this page. We like especially a concluding parapraph—

"There have been numerous signs of constructive and courageous gains during the past decade of American religious life—in evangelism, in religious journalism, in magazines and books, in evangelical scholarship, in academic texts, in seminary instruction, and in denominational influence. An interdenominational, international evangelical leadership and scholarship are taking shape. Not for fifty years has evangelical Christianity been faced with such possibilities and opportunities. Whereas a generation ago it was forced to the defensive by self-confident modernist churchmen, we find the distinctive liberal beliefs now standing on the defensive. Secular publishing houses are soliciting worthy evangelical manuscripts today; denominational leaders are being encouraged to give full scope to evangelism; college and university campuses are opening to evangelical witness . . . And in all of this, it would be tragic if secondary lines that divide us should obscure the spiritual and theological loyalties that make us one in Christ . . ."

We feel led, however, to raise two or three questions in the interest of better understanding.

First, we felt that Dr. Henry did not give sufficient consideration to the new ecumenical theology, or "Christology," which is beginning to color the thinking of our church leaders. Its proponents are willing to soft-pedal their liberalism or neo-orthodoxy and even seem to favor some evangelical views in order to bring about a synthesis for their new theology. Eager advocates of "the new evangelicalism" need to be on guard lest they go too far in their quest for a wider fellowship, in this field. How much of this turn to a biblical theology is genuinely based on a new respect for the Holy Scriptures as normative and authoritative? The prime concern of the ecumenical theologians is the building of The Coming Great Church and they are prepared to make any doctrinal sacrifices to achieve it. Ecumenical theology, we predict, will have far greater significance in the next few years than liberalism or neo-orthodoxy and, therefore, now becomes the prime threat to the "faith once for all delivered unto the saints."

Second, we felt that the National Association of Evangelicals was not given its just due. Where would the cause of evangelical Protestantism in America be today if the NAE had not been born? In evangelism, Billy Graham and other evangelical evangelists have had its unwithholding cooperation. Its constituency has always been the faith-and-prayer nucleus around which communitywide support has been built. That is so today. In education, the NAE has furnished real leadership (see Gaebelein's *Christian Education in a Democracy*) in every area from the elementary

# Action Editorial

***James DeForest Murch***

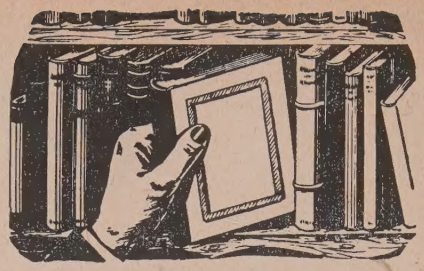
Christian Day Schools through Bible Institutes to Bible-honoring Colleges and Seminaries. In radio, press, missions, Sunday schools and many other fields of service the NAE has helped preserve basic evangelical principles and furnished effective organizational channels through which real achievements have been made. It is true that we are weak in financial resources, that our cause is none too popular among the great of earth and that we have not yet attained all the high goals our early leaders set for us. But we venture to say that without the NAE the progress of the evangelical cause which Dr. Henry proudly boasts would not have been nearly so far advanced as it is today.

Third, we felt that the editorial did not deal realistically with The Coming Great Church which is a-building so rapidly in the non-Roman Catholic world. This development will determine the future of theology, the future of evangelism and the future of the churches in the broad, inclusive area with which Dr. Henry is concerned. Those who are building this Super-Church have the machinery already in motion for the creation of their new ecumenical theology, they are using evangelism as an effective means of strengthening the power of local church councils, they are slowly but surely eliminating the structural and doctrinal entity of every denomination and destroying the distinctive testimony of Protestantism. It is only wishful thinking to assume that evangelicals can penetrate this colossal system by any human strategy which will prevent the erection of another Rome and make it the vehicle for the advancement of the cause of Christ as revealed in the New Testament. We share Dr. Henry's concern for those dear brethren in the faith who find themselves within this system. We must maintain our precious fellowship with them. But we are convinced that any institutional or conciliar fellowship with this Coming Great Church can only eventuate in disaster for the evangelical cause. The conflicts and trends in this major area of American Protestant life can not, must not be ignored. To do so is to fail our Lord and the true Church of which He alone is the Head.

We have no fears as to the future of the true Church. Christ faced an ecclesiastical machine which opposed Him and crucified Him in Jerusalem. Through less than a dozen men He accomplished His purposes for all time to come. The remnant, pilgrim church faced the apostasies of Rome and Constantinople and, full-flowered in the Reformation, built anew the walls of Zion.

Despite all the turmoil and confusion which beset us in these days let us keep crystal clear the chief task of the Church—the winning of souls to Christ, the teaching and training of men in the Holy Scriptures, the worship of God and the fellowship which is in Christ Jesus. We are set in the midst of an evil world but with an ever-enlarging mediating ministry to all peoples.

All that company of the redeemed who in our day keep the faith will be used to perpetuate the true Church as it moves on to final triumph. The gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.



# BOOK SHELF

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**"Golgotha and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre."** Andre Perrot. 127 pp. Philosophical Library. $2.75. A careful summary of all pertinent material on the perpetual problems of the location of the crucifixion and burial of Jesus will be welcomed by all Bible students. The book is small but is based on a vast knowledge and literature. The walls of Jerusalem figure largely in the problem and here is a thorough discussion of the three walls and the gates with several sketches. Photographs of modern structures in the vicinity are included. "Nothing is ever more certain than that the Garden Tomb is a myth. One hopes that no sensible person will ever again be misled by it" (p. 65).

**"The Psalms for Today."** Thomas Coates. 118 pp. Concordia. $2.00. These are short devotions on selected Psalms passages, usually a single verse. The cover is attractively done in half paper over boards with cloth spine. It would make an appreciated gift volume for personal devotional reading.

**"The Dead Sea Scrolls."** Charles F. Pfeiffer. 107 pp. Baker Book House. $2.50. It seems that every Old Testament scholar wants to write on the Scrolls. They all deal with about the same topics—discovery, the caves, the community, the textual significance, and the implications for New Testament studies. There is little in this book that was not in Miller Burrows' definitive volume.

**"A Book of Contemplation."** Dagobert D. Runes. 149 pp. Philosophical Library. $3.00. The famous philosopher brings together under an alphabetical arrangement some of his mature thoughts and wisdom on many subjects. Example: "A **mob** has many heads, but most often only one cunning brain doing its scheming."

**"Blueprint and Structure, Thoughts Concerning Man Growing out of a Study of Symbols found in the First Chapter of Genesis."** Mary E. Keller. 193 pp. Pageant Press. $3.00. An example of the kind of symbolism set forth is this: during the second day God showed that man was to be divided into two groups, the godly and the ungodly, the "spiritual firmament" being the Covenant; those who chose to go God's way are in it, and those who refuse are outside. (p. 72).

**"Living Close to God."** Dale Oldham. 176 pp. Warner Press. $2.75. A helpful volume that deals with most of the problems of the Christian life. The practical admonitions and advice grow out of the author's own personal experience within himself and as he has counseled others. He is pastor of Park Place Church of God in Anderson, Indiana.

**"When the Time Had Fully Come; Studies in New Testament Theology."** Herman N. Ridderbos. 104 pp. Eerdmans. $1.50. The present volume is one of a new series entitled "Pathway Books," which are original monographs from various envangelical leaders. Ridderbos is Professor of New Testament in the Theological Seminary of Kampen, Holland. He has contributed a commentary on Galatians to the New International Commentary on the New Testament. In this volume are discussed the kingdom of God, the sermon on the mount, the redemptive-historical character of Paul's gospel, Paul's doctrine of salvation, and the history of redemption in the New Testament.

**"My Prayer Book."** 239 pp. Concordia. No price listed. A personal book of prayers covering many aspects of the Christian life, worship, various occupations, special occasions, and for times of sickness.

**"Improve Your Church Bulletins; Helps for Church Bulletins, Parish Papers, and Outdoor Bulletin Boards."** Webb B. Barrison. 127 pp. Revell. $1.95. Two brief introductory chapters are followed by ten sections of quotable material with indexes for each.

**"Principles of Christian Worship."** Raymond Abba. xiii, 196 pp. Oxford. An introduction to the subject, and a practical guide for the minister. The material was given as a series of lectures at the University of Sydney. The design is primarily for the free churches, but there will be suggestions for all evangelical denominations to be found here. The author has a high regard for the preaching ministry.

**"The Wonder of the Word."** Gwynn McLendon Day. 222 pp. Revell. $2.50 Apologetic books on the Bible are of many kinds. This one touches on a number of approaches to the subject with a considerable amount of quoted and illustrative material. Eleven chapters deal with such subjects as the miracle of survival, the proof of prophecy, the evidence of universal appeal, the perfection of unity, and has a most appealing chapter on the witness of great men. The pastor, teacher, and even the average Christian, will find much in this volume to build faith and that can be used in ministry.

**"12,000 Miles by Land Rover From Brazil to Canada."** Mary McCombe Orr. 192 pp. Zondervan. $2.50. A fascinating account of a trip by a missionary family on furlough. They traveled in an English station wagon through most difficult country and took advantage of opportunities to witness along the way. A stimulating, homey type of diary, and a real testimony to the Lord's faithfulness.

**"The Heicher Filing System for Ministers, Missionaries, Church School Teachers, and other Church Workers."** M. K. W. Heicher. 86 pp. Baker Book House. $2.00. This system was developed by the editor of **The Ministers Manual** (Doran's). A brief introduction and two tables make up the book, one of subjects in alphabetical order with key numbers to the second, which is the classification system, which is apparently his own. It is simple enough, but like all systems is in need of the guide. Why not stick to the alphabet (Bible can be developed under B if desired)?

**"Ten Steps to Leadership."** J. Vernon Jacobs. 172 pp. Standard. A simple, yet effective, outline of the essentials of growth toward a place of usefulness in the Lord's work. The steps are: Wish, Grow, Understand, Study, Pray, Think, Speak, Plan, Cooperate, Serve.

**"Small Giant."** Phyllis Woodruff Sapp. 281 pp. Zondervan. $3.00. This is the first prize winner in Zondervan's 5th $5,000 international Christian fiction contest. The plot revolves around a Christian attorney and intrigues in a crime-ridden city run by a power-mad leader. The daughter of the district attorney is in it too.

**"One Volume New Testament Commentary."** By John Wesley, Adam Clarke, Matthew Henry, and others. Unpaged (but a thick book). Baker Book House. $5.95. Originally published under the title, **The Methodist Commentary on the New Testament.** The most useful of these classic commentators is brought together for the convenience of laymen primarily. Identity of authorship is provided.

**"Ideas for Sermons and Talks."** Milburn H. Miller. 149 pp. Warner Press. $2.00. Mostly one-line subdivisions characterize these outlines.

**"139 Sermon Outlines on the Old Testament."** W. Robertson Nicoll. viii, 292 pp. Baker Book House. $2.95. A reprint of the 1887 edition by Hodder and Stoughton. The sermons are arranged in biblical order and represents around forty authors.

**"Look Beyond the Valley."** C. De Ruischer. 215 pp. Zondervan. $2.50. Fictionalized struggle in the psychological realm involving a guilt complex. Through divine guidance the victory is won.

**"Parson Ben."** Peggy Martin. 137 pp. Eerdmans. $2.50. The parson himself gets involved in some of the same problems he has been helping his people solve. His foster daughter, Patsy, is brought out of a seriously complicated entanglement by wise counsel.

**"Thoughts on Christian Sanctity."** H. C. G. Moule. 126 pp. Moody. $1.00. Most of this material was given in the form of addresses before the Cambridge University Church Society.

**"Missionary Adventures: Stories for Boys and Girls."** Carol Allison. 95 pp. Moody. $1.00. Stories based on authentic data furnished by a number of missionaries.

**"My Deliverance from the Heresies of Rome."** Harry Hampel. 109 pp. Available from the author, 1641 Downing St., Denver 18, Colo. $1.00.

**"Plain Talk About Love and Sex for Christian Young People."** William W. Orr. 32 pp. Scripture Press. 30c.

**"At Your Orders, Lord!"** Robert Savage. 64 pp. Zondervan. $1.00. Sequel to a book previously published by the same author entitled, "Lord, Send Me!" Experiences during fifteen years as a missionary in South America make this exceptionally interesting.

**"Remarkable 'Ma' Sunday; The Story of a Wonderful Life."** Opal Cording Overmyer. 29 pp. Zondervan. 35c. Story of the Life and devotion of the wife of Billy Sunday.

**"John Three: Sixteen."** R. L. Moyer. 127 pp. Sword of the Lord. $2.00. The author of these ten messages on the beloved verse is associate pastor of First Baptist Church of Minneapolis.

**"The Fountain of Youth and Other Revival Sermons."** Angel Martinez. 120 pp. Zondervan. $2.00. Sermons by a young minister who has had an unusual evangelistic ministery and has memorized nearly all the New Testament at the age of 34 years.

**"True Nonresistance Through Christ."** Booklet published by the Mennonite Brethren Church, has been translated into Japanese. This 63-page booklet by J. A. Toews, Winnipeg, Manitoba, treats the matter of war and military service from an evangelical viewpoint. In Japan the booklet will be used by Mennonite Central Committee workers and missionaries of the Mennonite Brethren Church and other denominations. The Japanese version was printed by the Word of Life Press in Tokyo.

**"Plain Talk About Love and Sex for Christian Young People."** William W. Orr. 32 pp. Scripture Press. 30c.

**"Pre, Mid or Post Tribulation Rapture?** Robert T. Ketcham. 46 pp. The author, 608 S. Dearborn, Suite 848, Chicago 5, Ill. 75c.

**"Sermon Outlines, Number 1."** C. Lamar McGinty. 80 pp. Revell. $1.25. Fifty-one outlines with Scripture index.

**"Supreme Task."** Paul B. Smith. 71 pp. Peoples Press, Toronto. 50c.

**"Nervous Christians."** L. Gilbert Little. 127 pp. Moody Press. 35c. Colportage library, No. 329. A practical treatise for the layman by a medical doctor.

**"Felembe, a Novel."** Jens Larsen. 275 pp. Muhlenberg. $3.50. A novel of medical missions in Africa. There is an African honeymoon involved.

**"The Family Worships Together."** 108 pp. Muhlenberg. $1.75. A hundred devotional pages for daily use in the family. Each ends with a short prayer.

**"More Power to You."** John and Dorathea Crawford. 144 pp. Muhlenberg. $2.50. A clinical phychologist and his wife approach the problem of the plus in living power needed for today's demands. Grounded in sound psychological principles, and drawing on the biblical resources of grace, the book can be a real help to the young person.

**"Israel—Key to Prophecy."** William L. Hull. The story of Israel from the regathering to the millennium as told by the prophets. 104 pp. Zondervan. $1.50.

**"The Wayward Heart."** Sallie Lee Bell. 217 pp. Zondervan. $2.50. A novel set in the time of the Apostle Paul with the inevitable struggle of love torn between the Romans and the Israelites.

**"Jungle Madness in Modern Music."** 28 pp. Averow Christian Projects, Inc. 35 cents. A Christian critique of jazz, mambo, rock and roll and other popular music. Should be widely distributed.

**"Studies in the Book of Exodus With Special Reference to Israel's Journeyings from Egypt to Canaan."** George Henderson. 128 pp. Calvary Book Room, Covington, Ky. $2.00.

**"The Wonderful Word, a Series of Messages on the Study and Contents of the Holy Scriptures."** 134 pp. Calvary Book Room, Covington, Ky. This and the previous volume contain rich truth which issues in the obligation to holy living.

**"The Improved Funeral Manual."** William H Leach. 224 pp. Baker Book House. $2.00. There is a good general chapter on the various matters that need to be attended to with the family and about the service, and a voluminous selection of liturgical material both ancient and modern. Suggested prayers, poetry, an anthology of immortality material, and a short chapter on the military funeral, all add up to a very useful volume.

**"Essays on Typology."** G. W. Lampe and K. J. Woolcombe. 80 pp. Alec R. Allenson, Inc. $1.50. Studies in biblical theology, No. 22.

**"Promise and Fulfillment, the Eschatological Message of Jesus."** W. G. Kuemmel. 168 pp. Alec R. Allenson, Inc. $2.50.

These two volumes carry on in substantial manner the significant series started some years ago. The first volume grew out of a conference on biblical theology in Oxford under the auspices of the Society for the Study of Theology in 1955. One essay discusses the general problem and the other the biblical origins and patristic doctrine of typology. Kuemmel tries to hew a path between an immediate apocalyptic framework of events which did not take place and a message that would be "restricted to giving an 'eschatological' significance to the present" (p. 155). This second volume is No. 23 in the series.

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## Obscenity Bills

A subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee recently held hearings on bills relating to the use of the U. S. mails to carry obscene publications. One of the bills would allow the Federal government to take legal action in the area where the publications are delivered. At present the action can be taken only at the point where the publication was deposited in the mails. This really means New York or Los Angeles where the judges are extremely lenient.

Speaking for the NAE, Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, Secretary of Public Affairs, said that "During the past several decades certain publishers and producers of obscene materials have become aware that prurient interest can be stimulated throughout wide cross sections of the American public. Once aroused, those interests can be exploited to tremendous gain. In large measure this process depends on the the suggestion or depiction of a libertine way of life which is wholly contrary to the standards of personal morality and family fidelity which are basic to many of our laws. If the trend is allowed to continue unchecked it is bound to result in ever-increasing acceptance of debauchery as the norm, and the concurrent departure from the standards of righteousness which the churches of our nation seek to uphold."

Dr. Taylor also noted that the bill under consideration would remedy the present situation by allowing for the application of "contemporary community standards" to the publications of questionable character "where the materials are apt to do the damage."

Testimony favoring the bills was also heard from other church leaders, including O. K. Armstrong, former member of Congress, who represented the Churchmen's Commission for Decent Publications.

Opposition to the bills was heard from the American Book Publishers Council and the American Civil Liberties Union. It was based on the contention that the bill would "confer upon the Federal Government the right to choose its forum."

Observers in Washington were impressed that the committee is deeply concerned about the obscenity problem and that it intends to push for legislative remedy.

## "Red Mass" Sermon

On Sunday, January 26, a cross-section of Washington officialdom, including Protestants as well as Catholics, gathered in St. Matthew's Cathedral for the annual celebration of the "Red Mass." Among those in attendance were six of the nine justices of the U. S. Supreme Court. A reading of the sermon which was delivered indicates that the Court became a captive audience while the Catholic position on national support for religious education was expounded.

The sermon was by the Reverend Father Joseph T. Tinnelly, Dean of St. John's University School of Law.

As a backdrop for his provocative discourse, Father Tinnelly made reference to American tradition: "Historically, of course, we are a religious people whose institutions presuppose a Supreme Being. The Supreme Court has often taken judicial notice

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of this fact. Our jurisprudence is deeply rooted in and has in turn helped to develop our Judaeo-Christian civilization."

He then established the present need for a basic belief in God: "Unless our national ideals and principles are founded on a belief in God and upon a concomitant sense of obligation to obey God's law we shall be obliged to shift our national policies and objectives from day to day, from hour to hour, until we are forced back upon the stark, ruthless, purely pragmatic materialism which Russia has frankly adopted."

Finally Father Tinnelly moved to his main thesis, as follows: "Religious training is essential, of course, lest we become a nation of religious illiterates. But an hour a week of religious instruction, precious as it is, cannot be the complete answer to character formation. Instruction is necessary but it must be supplemented by moral guidance, by training in self-discipline, by immersion in an atmosphere of peace and order and justice, but most of all by an orientation of all activity to God, to adoration of God, to love of God, to respect for the law of God, and hence to respect for lawfully constituted authority.

"The greatest constitutional challenge to us as lawyers is this: How shall religious groups be permitted to continue their great role as the leaven of society unhindered by Federal or State Government?

"The present task, therefore, and perhaps the most difficult task, is one of persuasion: persuasion of our fellow citizens that our country must in some manner provide for the religious education of future generations of God-fearing, law-abiding citizens.

"The further task of discovering means to provide this religious education is an enormous one, but we must not fail.

"We must not fail. We dare not fail. For if we fail we shall have lost all we hold dear, all for which our fathers and our forefathers fought and died. If we fail, there may indeed continue to be a people and a government in the area now occupied by the United States of America, its name and flag may be identical with those of our beloved country, but it will not be the land of which Lincoln spoke—which Lincoln loved. For, if we fail, this Nation under God shall have perished from the earth."

Coming when it does this sermon can hardly be meant to apply to the public school system. Catholic policy in the United States does not hold much hope that the public school can be the source of adequate religious training. Rather it writes off the public school as secularistic, and then highlights the parochial school as the alternative. With this in mind there is not much doubt as to the way in which the discourse was intended to land. It takes its place as one more part of a concerted drive to win public financial support for parochial institutions.

## Foreign Aid—Another View

Our readers will remember that a few months ago, when the Administration was seeking several billion dollars in new funds for foreign aid, church leaders—NAE leaders were not among them—paraded to Capitol Hill with testimony which was universally in favor of the mutual security program (See Capitol Report, *Action* July 1, 1957). The general impression left on Congress was that "God is for foreign aid." Spruille Braden, former Assistant Secretary of State, addressing the American Coalition of Patriotic Societies recently, took the exactly opposite position. Mr. Braden took the position that our greatest threat is not Soviet aggression or even another World War, but "the breakdown in morality everywhere, above all in government."

"Nowhere," he stated, "is corruption in Government more apparent than in what we call foreign aid."

"It is my conviction that this Mutual Security program strikes at, and if continued much longer, may destroy our religion, our way of life, the Constitution and, therefore, all decent and moral civilization," he continued.

"Always Jesus emphasized the importance of thrift, industry and the right to enjoy and dispose of the fruits of one's labor. Simultaneously, He preached personal generosity.

"During this century, the individual citizen's unalienable rights to freedom and property gradually have been whittled away or seized by Big Centralized Government in Washington. The foreign aid program constitutes another long and insidious step towards the extinguishment of these rights. Our forebears gave their lives and blood to win these rights. We can do no less, if it becomes necessary, to retain them for our posterity."

"If we gave away everything we possess, it would not raise living standards elsewhere so much as one per cent," he stated.

"I believe it is self-evident that in recent years both the morals taught by our religion and the principles upon which this Republic was founded have been weakened or undermined, distorted or betrayed, misapplied or destroyed to a dangerous extent and for a variety of reasons.

"The U. S. Government, through foreign aid, is disobeying God's will. It is breaking down morality everywhere, but above all in government. Simultaneously, it is destroying the intent and principles of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

"Our foreign aid programs in all categories, must be reduced now, with the firm objective of eventually terminating them. A major reduction can and should be made at once. The present state of our economy makes this imperative."

# Evangelical Newsfront

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**NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION Sponsors conference of national directors in Chicago, Conrad Hilton Hotel, Jan. 7-10.**

## sunday school

### Sunday School Leaders Hold Four-day Confab

CHICAGO. — Sunday School secretaries from seventeen different denominations and a number of other Sunday School leaders met in the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago January 7-10 for what Dr. Clate A. Risley, executive secretary of NSSA, termed one of the most important meetings of the year.

Called together annually by the National Sunday School Association these leaders discussed the Sunday School needs, especially in the United States. Realistically aware of the major problems they laid plans designed to correct past failures and increase Sunday School efficiency to the maximum in the coming years.

Out-of-date procedures, the behind-the-time ideas were blamed for the weak areas in the average Sunday School. The leaders agreed that methods as modern as the missile must be coupled together with the message of God's Word to reach today's man. With modern mechanics and supernatural dynamics a Sunday School revolution is inevitable.

A Sunday School attitude survey designed to point out needy areas in the Sunday School program was presented by Mr. Willard Erickson, a specialist in the field of industrial relations. The decision to continue the study of this project indicates Sunday School leaders' willingness to open their eyes to every possible criticism and avenue of improvement. There is hope that such a program may enable the top leaders to help the local leadership determine their needs and how they can plan to meet them. These national leaders were well aware of the fact that it is one thing for them to be alert to needs, and another thing to have the local churches alert to these needs.

Again the national secretaries recognized the pastor as the key personality in bringing about a Sunday School revolution at the local church level.

Mr. Joseph Kimbel, guest architect addressed the group and a discussion of present needs in Sunday School building followed. Many Sunday Schools are investing large sums of money in poorly designed facilities. Although small classes were favored by most of the representatives it was agreed that buildings should be functionally designed with the department given primary consideration. The group hopes that more specific help can be given to local churches in the near future.

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Although the perennial slogan of the National Sunday School Association is "Revitalizing the Sunday Schools of America" it was determined that a current theme continuing through 1960 with annual adaptations would be "Christ for the Millions . . . NOW!"

Dr. Edwin J. Potts, NSSA editorial assistant, in his message on "The Home and the Sunday School" reminded the leaders of the importance of keeping the Sunday School and church family-conscious in all its program planning.

Dr. Risley summarized the four day conference by saying, "We must have a balanced up-to-date program in which all aspects of Christian education are manned and planned with unity and with the pastor taking more than an active interest, through vigorous leadership. In order that this may be done better we must strengthen the ties between the local church, the denomination, all Christian schools, and NSSA. Together we may expect to make great strides of progress, alone we shall be defeated."

Those attending the conference were: Miss Mavis Anderson, Christian and Missionary Alliance; Rev. Charles Denton, Assemblies of God; Rev. Paul Elliott, Pilgrim Holiness; Rev. Harold Etling, National Fellowship of Brethren; Mr. M. R. Evans, representing Foursquare Gospel; Rev. Chester H. Fast, Mennonite Brethren; Owen W. Glassburn; Paul R. Langdon, Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends; Rev. Kenneth Geiger, United Missionary Church; Rev. Tillman Habegger, Missionary Church Association; Rev. Herb Hazzard, Conservative Baptist, rep.; Rev. Aaron Markuson, Evangelical Mission Covenant; Rev. Royal S. Nelson, Free Methodist; Rev. O. W. Polen, Church of God; Rev. D. Kenneth Reisinger, Evangelical Teacher Training; Miss Wanna Sell, United Brethren in Christ, rep.; Rev. Lester Spencer; Mr. William Jones, American Sunday School Union; Rev. Lawrence Swanson, Baptist General Conference; Rev. Leonard Wymore, National Christian Education Convention.

## united action

### Evangelical Students In Washington Seminar

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Some 200 evangelical college students and professors of history and political science attended the NAE Washington Seminar on Federal Service February 12-14.

The Seminar began with a guided tour of the White House. During the Conference the group heard addresses by government leaders. A few of the lecture titles and the names of the

speakers appearing on the program were: "From Campus to Career" by Dr. Mansel Keene, Chief of the Standards Division, Civil Service Commission; "Politics, Public Policy and Christian Ethics" by Senator Frank Carlson; "The Evangelical Movement and Public Policy" by Dr. George Ford, executive director and Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, secretary of public affairs of the National Association of Evangelicals; and "Religious Freedom and Foreign Policy Objectives" by Rev. James C. Moore, religious adviser of the Voice of America.

The Seminar, sponsored by the National Association of Evangelicals, is slanted toward evangelical educators and students, with a view to emphasizing the contributions students can make in positions of government leadership. The Federal Seminar is considered significant in lifting up the role of Christian leadership in governmental affairs on the national level.

## Evangelicals Preview Chicago Convention

CHICAGO—Under the guidance of Dr. Frederick C. Fowler, convention chairman, the sixteenth annual convention of the NAE, Chicago, April 14-18, will carry out the theme with a three-fold emphasis on prayer, fellowship and inspiration. Due to the advances made by the association, the convention is being extended to include an additional half-day of meetings.

Along with convention headliner Dr. Billy Graham, other well-known Christian leaders are to be featured speakers at the convention. Dr. Robert G. Lee will speak in the evening on the subject "The Christian Believes in the Necessity of the New Birth." Other evening speakers will be Dr. J. Wilbur Smith and Dr. Harold John Ockenga.

Services of inspiration will include keynote messages by NAE President Paul P. Petticord on "True Ecumenicity," Dr. Stephen Paine on "The NAE and the NCC" and Dr. Albert J. Lindsey on "True Social Action."

Morning devotional sessions will be highlighted by messages from Drs. Herbert S. Mekeel, J. Edwin Orr, V. R. Edman and R. L. Decker.

Two nights of prayer are planned under the leadership of Rev. Armin Gesswein, chairman of the NAE Spiritual Life Commission. Fellowship hours are also scheduled to provide opportunities for delegates to become acquainted.

Special attraction of the convention will be a song and story hour each day with stories told by Mrs. Ethel Barrett, well-known story teller.

*United Evangelical Action* plans a special NAE Convention issue April 1.

## Mahlon Macy Is New NAE Field Director

WHEATON, Ill.—The National Association of Evangelicals has brought Rev. Mahlon L. Macy, Central regional director of the association, to the headquarters office to assume the newly created post of field director. Mr. Macy will be responsible for the Central, Upper Midwest and Southeastern regions of the nation.

He begins his new work with a considerable backlog of experience. He pastored churches in Sherwood and Portland, Oregon, in Oakland, California, and Camas, Washington. While in Oakland Mr. Macy worked with the East Bay Evangelistic Churches. Both in Camas, Washington, and in Portland he was active in cooperative efforts with Youth for Christ, the Billy Graham crusade and other interdenominational agencies. While in Portland he also served as president of the Holiness Ministers' Fellowship.

In Oakland, California, Mr. Macy served as promotional director for Evangelical Released Time. He has been president of the Board of Publications of the Oregon Yearly Meeting of Friends. He has served on the executive committee and has worked on the young people's conference board and actively participated in the youth program of the denomination.

Mr. Macy is a graduate of George Fox College of Newburg, Oregon, and Western Evangelical Seminary of Portland, Oregon.

He has served the evangelical constituency of the National Association of Evangelicals' Central Region (Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Nebraska) for approximately two and one-half years. During this period he laid the groundwork for a continuing united evangelical effort.

## Church Planning Meets In Great Lakes Region

DETROIT, Mich.—Area workshops on Church Planning held January 23 and 24 in Cleveland and Detroit drew a fine attendance of evangelical pastors and church leaders. The workshops were arranged cooperatively by the Great Lakes Region National Association of Evangelicals and the local Evangelical Ministers' Fellowships.

Rev. Jos. Kimbel, leader of the workshops, spoke on church architecture and planning as well as church extension. A special feature in the Detroit meeting was an evening session in which Mr. Carl Almblad, senior planner on Detroit's City Planning Commission, showed pictures and spoke of Detroit's plans for extensive rehabilitation and expansion.

Detroit sessions were held in Strathmoor-Judson Baptist Church: Rev. Roy McBeth, pastor and NAE regional president; Cleveland meetings in First Covenant Church, Rev. Everett, Ostrum, pastor.

## NAE Urges Chicago Billy Graham Crusade

CHICAGO—Formation of a Billy Graham crusade committee in Chicago has been proposed by the midwest regional board of the National Association of Evangelicals.

Dr. Charles J. Anderson, midwest association executive director, said 98 per cent of member churches and individuals responding to a poll favored the holding of a Graham crusade here.

Following his New York City Crusade last year, Mr. Graham said he was definitely interested in coming to Chicago but was "seeking God's time." Required planning would prevent the holding of a crusade here before 1959 or 1960, Rev. Arthur L. Bray, president of the Chicago Evangelical Ministers Association, said at that time.

The Church Federation of Greater Chicago has yet to complete a poll of its member churches on their views.

Dr. Anderson said the NAE board

## LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

● CARIBBEAN CRUSADE closed at Mexico City February 16 with a grand total of some 900,000 in attendance at its various meetings beginning in Jamaica. Evangelist Billy Graham was the spokesman of the organization. A total of 20,700 decisions for Christ were made during the entire campaign.

● RUSSIAN BAPTISTS will welcome two American Baptist leaders in Moscow April 25-30. The Hon. Brooks Hays, president of the Southern Convention and Dr. Clarence W. Cranford, president of the "Northern" Convention will join hands with their "Red" brethren to create a "peacemakers fellowship."

● RELIGIOUS DELEGATIONS to the United States from Soviet Russia are "invariably under strict control of Communist secret police," according to U. S. Senate report No. 71 of its Internal Security Subcommittee. Its investigations show that "subverted churches have been sending delegates to the USA to further the aims of Communism by wrongfully making use of their status as ministers of religion."

● WORLD VISION, international inter-church missionary agency, may now be heard in a radio broadcast over 127 American Broadcasting Company stations. Dr. Bob Pierce takes the leading part in the programs and frequently interviews internationally-known figures such as Billy Graham, Vice President Richard M. Nixon and Congressman Walter Judd of Minnesota.

● DR. JANOS PETER, former bishop of the Hungarian Reformed Church and delegate to the Evanston Assembly of the World Council of Churches, has been named first deputy Foreign Minister of the "Red" government of Hungary. Dr. James DeForest Murch branded Dr. Peter as a Communist at Evanston and was severely criticized by Council partisans for "misrepresentation."

● LINCOLN SQUARE redevelopment project in New York City is again in the courts. Harris L. Present has filed a taxpapers' suit in the USA District Court against the city for selling a two-block area to Roman Catholic Fordham University at less than acquisition cost. The suit maintains that this act constitutes a violation of the Constitutional principle of church-state separation.

● A FREE BOOK entitled "Usurpers—Foes of Free Man" may be secured by any minister who will write a letter or card to Christian Freedom Foundation, P. O. Box 1787, Radio City Sta., New York 19, N. Y., requesting same. The book is a superb statement concerning the growing unlawful usurpation of authority by the U. S. Supreme Court.

backed the proposed crusade on the basis of the results of the poll, taken in four states. The poll proposed that member churches cooperate with other church organizations in inviting Mr. Graham to conduct a crusade in Chicago.

All 41 NAE denominational members favored the crusade, Dr. Anderson said. He also reported that the executive committee of the Great Lakes Baptist Association, affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, had indicated its endorsement.

### Evangelical Fellowship Conference Held in India

VELLORE, So. India—Delegates of forty-three Protestant denominations met here for the seventh annual Conference of the Evangelical Fellowship of India. With the general meetings attended by about 2,000 persons, the four-day conference was one of the largest of its kind ever held in Vellore.

Speakers included Dr. Akbar A. Haqq, principal of the Henry Martyn School of Islamics, who recently returned from participating in several large Billy Graham rallies in New York; Rev. James Dunlop of Belfast, Northern Ireland; and Miss Corrie Ten Boom, a Dutch author.

Miss Ten Boom, who was for many years interned in a German concentration camp, has described her experiences in two books, "A Prisoner and Yet . . ." and "Not Good If Detached."

Rev. Cliff Robinson, former songleader at rallies conducted by Dr. Graham, led the gathering in singing. It was announced that Dr. Haqq will be returning to the United States again to work with Dr. Graham in his campaign in California.

## education

### Ninth Annual Christian Social Work Conference

WHEATON, Ill.—Wheaton College will host the Ninth Annual Christian Social Work conference March 27-29, announces Gordon S. Jaeck, president, National Association of Christians in Social Work, Inc., and chairman of the department of sociology at Wheaton college. Workshops in many areas of social work—psychiatry, child welfare, adoptions, delinquency, family counselling, social group work—are being planned. Leaders in the field of social welfare will also address general sessions of the Conference.

Special features of this year's conference include a Saturday morning session for students in graduate schools of social work or planning to enter; also a workshop on "Psychoanalysis and God," led by Christian psychiatrist, Dr. Orville S. Walters, psychiatrist, Veterans Administration staff, Danville, Illinois, and Mr. Maurice C. Smith, Jr., Founder of "Others, Inc.", and trustee of Wheaton college.

Well-known Christian writers and publishers as well as radio personalities will address the Third Annual Writers conference convening at Wheaton March 7 and 8. Among these are Joseph Bayly, editor of *His* magazine; Grace Irwin, Canadian novelist; Dr. Peter Viereck, poet and philosopher; Harold Fuller, editor, *The African Challenge,* and Charles Urquhart, recently converted radio personality. Mr. Urquhart formerly served as program director of the Mid-Western Section of National Broadcasting association and as program director of Armed Forces in Germany. His assigned topic will be, "Christianity on the Air."

## press

### EPA Names Moody Monthly Its 1957 "Magazine of Year"

WASHINGTON, D. C. — *Moody Monthly,* non-denominational magazine, was named 1957 Magazine of the Year by the Evangelical Press Association. Published in Chicago, it has a circuation of 100,000 (*Action,* February 15).

Awards to a number of evangelical publications were presented at the association's tenth annual convention here.

Also cited here: *His,* magazine of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, Chicago, youth publication award; *Church Herald,* magazine of the Reformed Church in America, Grand Rapids, Mich., denominational publications award; *Sunday School Counsellor,* magazine of Assemblies of God, Springfield, Mo., Sunday school publications award; and *World Challenge,* another Assemblies of God magazine, missionary publications award.

Mel Larson, editor of the *Evangelical Beacon,* official publication of the Evangelical Free Church of America, Minneapolis, was elected association president, succeeding Russell T. Hitt, editor of *Eternity* magazine, Philadelphia.

Other officers elected were Joseph Bayly, editor of *His,* vice-president; Mrs. Marian Injerd of *Sower* magazine, Chicago, secretary; Ralph Harris of *Live* magazine, Springfield, Mo., treasurer. Mr. Hitt and Dr. Carl F. H. Henry of *Christianity Today,* Washington, D. C., were named association advisers.

More than 85 editors representing 110 evangelical publications with over 4,000,000 circulation attended the convention.

EPA urged Congress to pass legislation to halt the "tide of obscene, pornographic and indecent literature on the newsstands." It specifically approved a resolution supporting legislation introduced into Congress by Rep. John Dowdy (D.-Tex.).

Rep. Dowdy's bills would stiffen existing penalties for the inter-state sale of pornography. They also would try offenders at the place where the obscene material is received as well as where it is mailed.

Obscene literature "respects no religious feelings, makes a mockery of ministers, priests and rabbis and all other teachers of religious truth," the resolution said.

Representing more than 100 denominational and independent publishers and editors, the association warned that pornography "easily available to our youth" ridicules the "sanctity of the marriage vow." At the same time it "glorifies and presents as desirable acts of adultery and illegal sexual relations," the editors added.

They said they were "warning readers of the dangers of obscene literature" and urging them "to take any action which will help to curb the sale of such literature."

## inter-church

### Holiness Association's 90th Annual Convention

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Dr. Paul S. Rees will be speaking on "The Wesleyan Heritage" at the opening session of the 90th Annual Convention of the National Holiness Association. Dr. Rees is pastor of the First Covenant Church in Minneapolis, Minn., and first vice-president of the NHA. The convention to be held April 8-10, 1958, at the Hotel Sherman in Chicago, will follow the general theme of "Proclaiming the Wesleyan Message."

The address by Dr. Myron F. Boyd, closing his four-year term as president of the NHA, will be "What Is the Wesleyan Message?" Dr. Boyd is the director and speaker of the Light and Life Hour radio broadcast.

Other speakers include Robert Walker, editor of *Christian Life* magazine, speaking on "Why I Promote the Spirit-Filled Life"; Bishop Leslie R. Marston of the Free Methodist Church on "The Great Divide in Christian Doctrine"; Dr. Delbert R. Rose of Asbury Seminary on "The Holy Spirit and Entire Sanctification"; and Dr. John R. Church, Methodist evangelist, on "A Second and Complete Benefit of Grace."

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A convention highlight will be an address by Rev. Samuel Doctorian of Lebanon who is being widely used in missionary evangelism and revival. His address will center around "The Wesleyan Message in the Near East." The closing address will be delivered by Dr. Everett L. Cattell on "The Wesleyan Emphasis for Youth and World-wide Evangelism." Dr. Cattell is general superintendent of the Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dr. Paul L. Kindschi, executive director, states there will be seminars in such fields as camp meetings, doctrine, Christian home, education, missions, youth, Sunday schools, visual aids, and evangelism.

Two large areas of the Hotel floor space will be given entirely to exhibits and displays of materials and services available in promoting the Wesleyan emphasis on the Spirit-filled life.

The NHA, now in its 91st year, brings together all churches, colleges, camps, missionary boards, and individuals who believe in the "Spirit-filled life" as set forth in the Scriptures and defined theologically as the "Wesleyan distinctives." The national office is located in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

## 96 Per Cent of Americans Profess Religious Faith

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—Two out of three persons over fourteen years of age in the United States regard themselves as Protestants and one in four as Roman Catholic, the Census Bureau reported here.

These statistics were based on a sample survey made last March by the bureau among 35,000 households in 330 areas across the country. In the survey answers to the question "What is your religion?" were obtained on a voluntary basis.

The census takers learned that 96 per cent of the people surveyed considered themselves as having a specific denominational preference. Only three per cent said they had "no religion," and one per cent refused to answer the question.

If the results of the survey are projected to the country's population as a whole, 79,000,000 above the age of 14 are Protestants; 30,700,000 are Catholics; 3.900,000, Jews; and 1,500,000 are members of some other religious group. There would be some 3,200,000 with no religion.

Among the Protestants, 23,600,000 belong to various Baptist groups; 16,700,000 are Methodists; 8,400,000, Lutherans; and 6,700,000 Presbyterians. Some 23,700,000 others belong to smaller Protestant bodies.

The statistics are eye-openers for leaders of religious groups because they are considerably higher than denominations have claimed for themselves.

If the estimated 11,757,000 children under 14 living with Catholic parents are included in the totals for that faith, Catholics would number 42,426,000. This would be about 8,500,000 more than the Catholic Church claims on the basis of its own baptismal and parish records. The figures indicate that as many as 8,000,000 or more Americans, although not affiliated with the Catholic Church, nonetheless regard themselves as "Catholics."

The estimate cited for Methodists is nearly twice as high as that claimed by The Methodist Church. The Baptist figure also considerably exceeds the known total of membership for all U. S. Baptist denominations.

Census officials said this indicates that many Americans not affiliated with any Church nevertheless feel they have a specific denominational preference. Persons quaried in the survey were not asked whether they attend, or belong to, a church. They were merely asked their religious affiliation.

The national Jewish estimate is about 10 per cent below those of official Jewish bodies.

The bureau did not attempt to count the religious affiliation of children under 14 because of the confusion discovered in homes with mixed marriages and because of a wide variance among religious bodies as to the age at which members are received into the church and counted in statistics.

While Protestants constitute a majority of 66.9 per cent of the population over 14 years of age, they are a minority in the north-eastern states—about 42.3 per cent—and a big majority in the South—about 82.8 per cent.

Protestants are also a minority in the largest cities, but a heavy majority in rural areas. In urban areas of more than 250,000, Protestants are estimated at 49.1 per cent, Roman Catholics at 37.8 per cent and Jews at 7.7. In the rural areas, Protestants number about 83.2 per cent and Catholics, 11.9.

The largest proportion of those reporting "no religion" live in "rural non-farm" areas, instead of in large cities as believed by some religious leaders. This group includes residents of prosperous suburbs of this country's major cities. Reporting no religion were 3.4 per cent in suburbs, 3.3 per cent in rural areas, and 2.2 per cent in large cities.

Among those unwilling to answer the religious question, the largest number—1.3 per cent—lived in the larger cities.

Nearly half of the country's Catholics and more than two-thirds of its Jews live in the northeastern part of the country, which has a little more than one-fourth of the total population. Although the Catholic Church traditionally has been weak in the South, one Catholic out of seven lives there—constituting nearly one-eighth of the population.

A total of 79 per cent of Catholics, 96 per cent of Jews and only 57 per cent of Protestants live in cities with more than 2,500.

The average age of Catholics is estimated at 38.7; for Protestants, 40.8; for Jews, 44.5; and for those with no religion, 42.0.

Women are more religious than men, according to the survey. Among those reporting "no religion" it was estimated there would be only 730,000 white and 108,000 Negro women, against 2,051,000 white and 306,000 Negro men. Women also outnumber men in the three major faiths and in the various Protestant denominations.

Among Protestants, there are 36,155,000 women and 32,320,000 men; Catholics, 15,499,000 women and 14,396,000 men; and Jewish, 1,999,000 women and 1,860,000 men.

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# denominations

## International Retreat Planned for Nazarenes

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Reservations of more than 200 Nazarene servicemen and their families are reported for the first international religious retreat that will be held in the Bavarian Alps at Berchtesgaden, Germany, March 17-21.

The five-day program has been made possible by the USA military forces, the Nazarene Board of General Superintendents, and the Nazarene Servicemen's Commission, of which Rev. Ponder W. Gilliland is secretary.

The program will help to commemorate the golden anniversary year of the Church of the Nazarene which has missionary work in 33 world areas and is expanding steadily.

Mr. Gilliland will be chairman of the retreat which will include recreation, fellowship, devotionals and guided tours to places of interest in the vicinity which include Hitler's "Eagle's Nest" retreat.

The Nazarene Servicemen's Commission for administrative purposes is in the organization of the Nazarene Young People's society of which Mr. Gilliland is the executive secretary.

This Nazarene youth organization is sponsoring an International Institute at Estes Park, Colorado, July 15-21, for about 700 teen-agers and counselors.

## Southern Baptists Issue Encyclopedia

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—A two-volume, 1,544-page *Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists* was officially released here by the Broadman Press of the denomination's Sunday School Board.

More than three years in the making, the volumes are a comprehensive guide to Southern Baptist life, work, belief and heritage. They were compiled by 899 writers and 57 "area" editors, with Dr. Norman W. Cox, executive secretary of the SBC Historical Commission, serving as managing editor.

The encyclopedia has 4,349 articles, 92 pages of pictures, 657 biographies and 1,400,000 words. Cost of producing the work was about $85,000, exclusive of the voluntary efforts of the writers and editors.

Dr. Cox said the encyclopedia should give people of other denominations a guide for better understanding of Southern Baptists, enable Southern Baptists to know and understand themselves and clarify many of the hazy questions and problems pertaining to local Baptist history.

## World Baptists Report Over 22,000,000 Members

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(RNS)— Total membership in Baptist churches in 105 countries has increased to 22,068,058, a rise of 1,014,165 in a year. The bulk of Baptists—19,447,899—are members of 17 U.S. Baptist bodies.

Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, announced the figures as Baptist churches around the world marked Baptist World Alliance Sunday.

Included in the figures, based on 1956 statistical reports of constituent conventions, are 530,000 adult members of 5,000 Baptist churches in Russia, Dr. Ohrn said. No young people among Russian Baptists are baptized before the age of 18.


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He called upon Baptists to "pray for brotherhood and understanding." Dr. Adams is pastor of the First Baptist church, Richmond, Va.

The Alliance was organized in London, England, in 1904 when world Baptists totalled only 6,000,000 in 21 countries.

Latest Alliance membership figures showed the following continental distribution: North America, 19,623,024; Europe, 1,145,802; Asia, 710,934; Africa, 287,926; South America, 149,127; Central America and West Indies, 102,295; Australia and Oceania, 48,950.

## Church of God Sees Sunday School Growth

CLEVELAND, Tenn.—The Church of God National Sunday School and Youth Department is now conducting the greatest promotional program in its history.

"Operation: Promotion" with a staff of Sunday School and Youth work specialists, headed by Rev. O. W. Polen, is conducting all-day Saturday sessions in various areas of the United States, specifically designed to better train and inform pastors, Sunday School and youth workers.

Similar promotional programs are being sponsored by Church of God School and Youth directors in other areas of the United States.

"Operation: Promotion" is expected to reach approximately 13,000 pastors, Sunday School and youth workers.

Seventy new Sunday Schools were started during the month of October, 1957, by Church of God congregations as a result of special "Branch Sunday School" emphasis. Since this program's inception in the Church of God, approximately four and one-half years ago, *662* Branch Sunday Schools have been started, the majority of which are now functioning as fast-growing churches.

## Mennonites Contribute $2,500,000 in Cash, Aid

CHICAGO—Members of fourteen Mennonite groups contributed about $2,500,000 in cash and material aid to the relief and service program of the Mennonite Central Committee in 1957.

Cash contributions totalled nearly $1,000,000, it was reported at the committee's annual meeting here. Material aid was valued at $678,566, and the committee also handled $59,951 in material aid for other organizations, and distributed $289,250 worth of government surplus foods.

Service operations were conducted in 25 countries, the committee reported. Two new services to refugees, in Berlin and Hong Kong, will begin soon, and projects also will be started on the Indonesian island of Halmahera and in Haiti, the committee said.

A fourth USA mental hospital is planned by the committee for Elkhart, Ind. Three others are maintained at Hagerstown, Md., Reedley, Calif., and Newton, Kans. Another mental hospital is planned for Paraguay.

Representatives of the Mennonite groups which support the committee studied closer integration of mission and relief work. The 14 constituent groups have a membership of 150,000.

Programs of lectures and literature distribution were continued in Europe and Japan by the committee's peace section.

Dr. C. N. Hostetter, Jr., president of Messiah College, Grantham, Pa., was re-elected committee chairman. Other officers re-elected were Dr. H. A. Fast of Newton, Kans., vice-chairman, and Dr. H. S. Bender of Goshen, Ind., assistant secretary. William T. Snyder is executive secretary and Orie O. Miller is associate executive secretary.

## Covenant Church Leaders In Midwinter Conference

DENVER, Colo.—"Rethinking Christian Education" was the theme of the Midwinter Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church of America at First Covenant Church of Denver, February 18-23. Rev. Paul E. Palmquist was host pastor.

Featured speaker was Dr. Alvin N. Rogness, president of Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota. The period of meditation and intercession was led each morning by Rev. Glenn L. Lindell, director of Evangelism for the Covenant Church. Special lectures were given by Rev. Arthur W. Anderson, president of Minnehaha Academy and Dr. Clarence A. Nelson, president of North Park College. Other Church leaders who participated were: Dr. Theodore W. Anderson, president of the Evangelical Covenant Church of America, Rev. Joseph C. Danielson,


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The Midwinter Conference was initiated eighteen years ago to provide a joint meeting time for the official boards of the Covenant Church. During the past few years, the attendance has been continually increasing.

Units of the denomination which met to discuss plans and adopt programs and policies in Denver included the Board of Missions, Board of Youth Work, Ministerial Board, and the Board of Education.

### Los Angeles Baptists Present "The Messiah"

LOS ANGELES—As the curtain rose on the fifth annual Temple Baptist Church performance of "The Messiah" in the Los Angeles Philharmonic Auditorium, 2,800 persons present gasped at the beauty of the massed choir of 210 voices in their red robes framed by the brilliant blue of the stage backdrop. The U-shaped placement of the choir almost encircled the sparkling instruments of the symphony orchestra in its center.

Cooperating choirs from ten Los Angeles Baptist churches and the California Baptist Theological Seminary of Covina, were under the inspired direction of Temple's famed minister of music, Ralph Carmichael. Soloists were Marjorie Webb, soprano; Barbara Speaks, contralto; Raymond Mullin, tenor and Frank Alpers, baritone.

As the last strains of the Hallelujah Chorus echoed away, the 2,800 people sat breathless for one silent moment and then burst into spontaneous and prolonged applause.

Temple's pastor, J. Lester Harnish, acted as host and was ably assisted by Rev. Richard Hanson, California Baptist Theological Seminary and Rev. Edgar Williams, president of the Los Angeles Baptist Association.

## public affairs

### Liquor Is Menace on Commercial Airplanes

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—Renewed support for proposed federal legislation that would make the serving of liquor on commercial airplanes illegal, and would ban interstate advertising of alcoholic beverages, came from the Methodist Board of Temperance.

At its annual meeting here, the board also passed resolutions asking that the Department of Defense be required to enforce prohibitions against the sale and use of liquor at military bases.

Bishop John Wesley Lord of Boston, board president, noted that a 1956 House bill to prohibit the sale and consumption of alcohol on commercial and government aircraft was allowed to die in a Senate committee. He said seven similar bills are now pending in Congress.

Congress also has legislation before it to restrict alcohol advertising which serves to "indoctrinate the nation's children in the use of a product which they cannot legally purchase," Bishop Lord said. He claimed direct appeals to advertisers had failed.

The board charged that the armed forces have "employed every strategy and technique to circumvent existing legislation which prohibits the sale and use of alcoholic beverages on military installations."

### Baptists Plan National Religious Liberty Meet

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—A national Conference on Religious Liberty sponsored by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs will be held in Washington, D. C., Sept. 16-18, it was announced here.

The conference, in which representatives of six national Baptist conventions will participate, will consider the theme "The Biblical Basis for Religious Liberty."

The Baptist Joint Committee appointed a committee of Baptist scholars headed by Dr. Clifton J. Allen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., to prepare a working paper on the subject to be presented as a basis for discussion.

Serving with Dr. Allen on preparation of the paper will be Dr. Benjamin P. Browne of the Board of Education and Publication of the American Baptist Convention, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dr. Stewart A. Newman of Southeastern Baptist Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.; and Dr. Carl Morgan of Eastern Baptist Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa.

### Lord's Day Alliance Assails Phila. Mayor

PHILADELPHIA—The Lord's Day Alliance of the U. S. adopted a resolution at its 69th annual meeting here assailing Mayor Richardson Dilworth of Philadelphia as "a foe of the Christian Sabbath." The resolution said he defied "the laws of the Commonwealth and traditions of the Christian Church."

Members of the Alliance in Pennsylvania were urged "to remember the mayor's record should he become a Democratic candidate for governor in the May primaries." Mr. Dilworth has indicated he may resign as mayor to run for that office.

Opposition to the mayor's candidacy has been expressed by the Pennsylvania Lord's Day Alliance, the state Council of Churches and the state Temperance League, because he favors local option in the serving of beer and wine on Sundays.

Sunday sale of alcoholic beverages in taverns of the state is now prohibited. Mayor Dilworth has said that while he "certainly would never want to see wide-open Sundays," and "wouldn't be too happy about saloons opening on Sundays" he favored allowing restaurants and hotels "in the big cities" to serve beer and wine after 1 p. m. Sundays.

The Pennsylvania LDA, oldest and largest affiliate of the national organization, has been critical of Mayor Dilworth since he notified the group that he would "ignore the present blue laws" and permit Sunday sports and entertainment.

**PROTESTANT SPOKESMEN AT ANTI-OBSCENITY HEARING—These are six of the Protestant representatives who attended, or testified at, a public hearing of the House judiciary sub-committee which is studying legislation to improve enforcement of laws against obscenity in the mails. Left to right are: Mrs. Clarence T. Nelson of United Church Women, Washington, D.C.; Dr. Clyde W. Taylor of Washington, secretary for public affairs, National Association of Evangelicals; O. K. Armstrong of Springfield, Mo., legislative chairman of the Churchmen's Commission for Decent Literature; B. H. Hood of Washington, evangelist for the Churches of Christ; Dr. Fred S. Buschmeyer, Washington secretary of the National Council of Churches; Rev. Ralph A. Cannon of Spartanburg, S. C., Methodist Board of Temperance. Chairman of the House sub-committee is Rep. Francis E. Walter (D.-Pa.).**

Attending the Alliance's meeting were some 400 clergymen and laymen, most of them Baptists, Methodists and Presbyterians. All officers of the group were re-elected. These include Dr. Melvin M. Forney of Philadelphia, general secretary; Dr. Chester M. Davis of Rahway, N. J., president; and Dr. Andrew R. Bird of Washington, D. C., and Dr. John Y. Broek of Plainfield, N. J., vice-presidents.

## Immediate Action Urged Curb Obscene Magazines

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—Immediate Christian action to stem "the flood of obscene magazines" on the nation's newsstands was urged at the annual meeting of the Methodist Board of Temperance here.

Board members were told that "sex magazines are destroying American family life and casting aside the moral standards of centuries.

Rev. Ralph A. Cannon, minister of St. James Methodist church, Spartanburg, S. C., who was cited by the board for his research on the social effects of obscene literature, charged that indecent magazines "stimulate, sustain, and defend the sex sickness that has gripped America."

Many of the magazines to which he referred capitalize on sex because Americans find themselves "floundering" for a healthy attitude toward life, he said. "The pendulum has swung from a Victorian reserve toward sex to an obsession with it," he added.

"Something must be done quickly," Mr. Cannon said, "before obscene publications get the influence and wealth which the alcohol industry now has. Otherwise future generations will ask, 'Why didn't you do something about it when you could?' "

Mr. Cannon urged support for a bill introduced in Congress by Rep. John Dowdy (D.-Tex.) which would increase penalties for interstate distribution of pornographic literature.

"Pornography has come out from under the counter," he said. He urged church action on the local level to clean up newsstands.

## Mixed Marriages More Common Among Catholics

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—Mixed marriages are much more common among Roman Catholics than Protestants and Jews, but 94 per cent of American married couples are of the same religious faith, the Census Bureau reported here.

The bureau estimated that in the country as a whole there are 26,916,000 marriages where both partners are Protestant; 8,361,000, Catholic; and 1,258,000, Jewish. In mixed marriages, there are 2,255,000 marriages between Protestants and Catholics; 57,000 between Protestants and Jews; and 41,000 between Catholics and Jews.

These statistics for the entire country were based on a sample survey conducted by the bureau among 35,000 households in 330 sample areas across the country. Among questions asked was "What is your religion?" Answers to this query were voluntary, rather than mandatory as they would have been if the question were asked in the 1960 Census of Population.

The survey, held last March, was one of a series conducted monthly by the bureau to provide estimates of employment, housing, migration and other pertinent data about American households between the decennial censuses when every American is counted.

Only six per cent of married couples interviewed in the survey reported that they were of different religious groups or that only one partner had "no religion."


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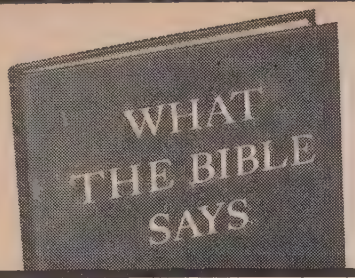


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## Baptists to Study Religion in Schools

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—A special committee has been named here to conduct a two-year nationwide study of Baptist attitudes toward spiritual, moral and religious instruction in the public schools.

Dr. Walter Pope Binns, president of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., was named to head the ten-member committee which will represent the six major Baptist Conventions affiliated with the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. The study will be conducted under the auspices of the joint committee.

Named to serve with Dr. Binns were Dr. Clarence W. Cranford, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, Washington, D. C., and president of the American Baptist Convention; Dr. Porter Routh, executive secretary of the executive committee, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. Lee Shane, pastor of National Baptist Memorial church, Washington, D. C.; and Mrs. John W. Bradbury of New York, a leader in Baptist women's work. Five additional members are to be named later.

The committee will serve as a steering group to sponsor seminars, workshops and conferences in various sections of the country at which Baptists can meet together to discuss problems relating to the public schools. These studies will culminate in a national conference to be sponsored by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in 1960 which will endeavor to state more clearly Baptist positions on controversial issues relating to the public schools.

## USA Underestimates Soviet Propaganda

NEW YORK—(RNS)—The United States is "in great peril" because it has "failed to comprehend the regime of the Soviet Union over the past twelve years" and has underestimated its "notable victory in the realm of propaganda."

Robert Morris, who resigned recently as chief counsel from the Senate Internal Security subcommittee, voiced the warning here before 200 churchmen.

The "strongest power on earth" at the end of World War II, the United States now stands "almost with its back to the wall," Mr. Morris said.

He declared that even some American cultural experts who made exchange visits to Russia returned "fooled and duped" by expert propaganda.

"It has been in this precise field of exchange with the Soviet that we have been losing our shirts," he said. "The Soviets have interlarded in their delegations literally hundreds of secret police who have passed as farmers, skaters, clergymen and scientists. Every delegation from the Soviet Union is an undercover for espionage. This is their advance guard. They are salesmen of despotism."

The United States on the other hand, Mr. Morris said, has been sending to Russia politically naive persons, often deceived by what they were told and permitted to see.

He urged this country to develop "political sophistication" if forthcoming exchanges with Russia were to be beneficial rather than harmful. He said participants in a planned exchange program would include delegations from industry, agriculture and the sciences as well as writers, actors, singers and members of symphony orchestras.

## Lincoln Square Sale Is Still in Litigation

NEW YORK—The Appellate Division has set new hearings on an appeal from a recent state Supreme Court decision dismissing a taxpayers' suit against the city selling land in the Lincoln Square project to Fordham University and other developers.

Earlier, the Appellate Division had refused to bar the city from acquiring and reselling at markdown prices land in the thirteen-block area.

In December, Supreme Court Justice Owen McGivern rejected the contention that resale of land in the $205,000,000 redevelopment project to Fordham, a Roman Catholic school, at less than acquisition cost would violate the principle of Church-State separation.

The stay had been requested by Harris L. Present, attorney for a group of taxpayers who are opposing the project. One of the group's objections is that reselling the land to Fordham at less than what the city paid would be a violation of federal and state constitutional guarantees of Church-State separation. Mr. Present also brought the original suit against the city as lawyer for the opponents.

Although the city took title to the area February 28 Mr. Present warns that if later court rulings are unfavorable, it will be liable for millions of dollars in damage suits. He has also declared that he will appeal to the USA Supreme Court "if necessary."

## Clergyman's Liquor Bill Voted in Georgia

ATLANTA, Ga.—(RNS)—A South Georgia minister's bill to prohibit minors from working where alcoholic beverages are sold—nearly killed in committee last session—won an unprecedented victory in the Georgia House.

It was the first temperance bill to reach the floor of the House in many years, and it passed unanimously. It was introduced by the Rev. William Bodenhamer, a Baptist minister and representative from the Ty, Ga. area.

Before its passage the minister agreed to two amendments which would make the bill apply only where alcoholic beverages are sold for consumption on the premises and which would change the age limit from 21 to 18 years.

## Kill Legal Bingo In Colorado House

DENVER—(RNS)—A constitutional amendment to legalize bingo, which had been fought by Protestant groups, was killed in the Colorado House by a vote of 34 to 24.

If it had passed the legislature, the proposal would have been put on the ballot next November. It called for

legislation of games of chance if the proceeds went to charity and if they were sponsored by religious and fraternal organizations.

Despite the death blow in the legislature, the bingo issue may be on the ballot anyway.

James Eakins, representing the American Legion, said his organization would spearhead a campaign to put the matter on the ballot by initiative petition. It would take 48,000 signatures.

### Rules Transportation Parochial Pupils Illegal

HARRISBURG, Pa.—(RNS)—Bus transportation provided Catholic parochial school pupils by a Pennsylvania public school district was illegal, the state Justice Department ruled here.

The department ordered that the state Department of Public Instruction may not reimburse the district for money spent in providing the transportation.

The Benziner Township School District in Elk County had sought reimbursement of $28,800 spent for transporting 232 public school pupils and 348 parochial school pupils in 1955-56.

On the advice of the Justice Department, the Department of Public Instruction refused to pay the Benziner District the portion of the expenditure made for transporting the parochial pupils.

In its ruling, the Justice Department said the Board of Directors of the Benziner District had "acted without authority of law" in transporting the parochial pupils out of district funds.

The state Public School Code of 1949 does not give a school district power to transport non-public school pupils, and therefore the Benziner board "had no inherent power to provide voluntarily such transportation," the Justice Department said.

It added that such an interpretation of the code had been given by the state Supreme Court.

## evangelism

### Graham San Francisco Crusade Is Extended

SAN FRANCISCO—Evangelist Billy Graham's San Francisco Bay Cities Crusade has been extended from six to eight weeks. It will open April 27 and is now scheduled to conclude June 22.

The crusade executive committee announced the opening of headquarters offices in downtown San Francisco and a drive to recruit 15,000 volunteer ushers and other workers from Bay Area churches.

Principal crusade meetings will be held in the Cow Palace, and a closing rally is set at Kezar Stadium with an attendance of 60,000 anticipated.

A campaign to raise at least $225,000 has begun.

### New Directory Reveals Rescue Missions Increase

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The new Directory of the International Union of Gospel Missions recently published by Executive Secretary Ernest A. Tippett of Bridgeport, Conn., lists 250 different missions in 164 different cities. These missions are divided into 13 districts, the presidents of the districts comprising the executive committee, including the elected national officers. The national president is the Rev. Clifton E. Gregory, superintendent of the City Mission of Cleveland, Ohio.

Missions are also located in London, Tokyo, New Zealand, and Australia, and Jamaica, B. W. I.

The 45th Annual Convention of the IUGM will be held in Lebanon, Pa., May 17 to 22, 1958, with Rev. Lester Miller, superintendent of the Lebanon Rescue Mission, as host.

## youth

### Convention Features Overseas Youth Work

WHEATON, Ill.—The overseas work of Youth for Christ International will be featured at the organization's fifth annual Winter Convention to be held at the Boca Raton, Florida, Bible Conference Grounds, March 10-16, according to Dr. Ted W. Engstrom, president of Youth for Christ International.

Speakers will include Dr. Engstrom; Rev. Samuel Wolgemuth, director of the YFCI Overseas Ministry; Evon Hedley, YFCI executive director; and Rev. Dave Breese, director of Youth for Christ in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Phil and Louis Palermo, members of the YFCI evangelistic staff and Mrs. Evon Hedley will be featured in the conference musical program.

"Youth for Christ International is active in forty-one nations of the world," said Dr. Engstrom, "and our purpose in this conference is to introduce the overseas work to our friends. Our Overseas Director will just have returned from a tour of our YFC programs around the world and will bring up-to-date reports of what God is doing for teen-agers through the ministry of Youth for Christ."

The month of March has been designated "International Month" by more than 300 local Youth for Christ organizations, according to Evon Hedley, YFC executive director.

The purpose of International Month, according to Hedley, is to make each community aware of the ministry of the local Youth for Christ organization, and to introduce the world-wide ministry of the International program.

## radio-tv

### Schedule General TV Release Luther Film

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—(RNS)—Plans have been completed for the general television release of "Martin Luther," the full-length dramatic film on the leader of the Protestant Reformation that had its first public showing five years ago.

The motion picture is now available for TV sponsorship by stations, commercial advertisers or church groups anywhere in the U.S. and Canada it was reported at the National Lutheran Council's 40th annual meeting here.

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Productions, which issued the film in 1953, said that a year of experimentation during 1957 involved test television showings in Milwaukee, Chicago and Billings, Mont., and in Holland.

When "Martin Luther" was presented on the air for the first time last April in Chicago, over half the viewing public tuned in, according to an audience measurement rating by the American Research Bureau.

Mr. Lee also reported the film reached new audiences overseas last year. In Great Britain alone, he said, there were some 2,000 church-sponsored showings during the last three months of 1957.

It was reported that churches and educational institutions acquired almost 4,000 individual 16mm copies of the Luther film during the 18 months non-theatrical leasing period which terminated last year. This was a record volume in film history for a single film title, he said.

### Evangelical Broadcasters Confer on Forward Steps

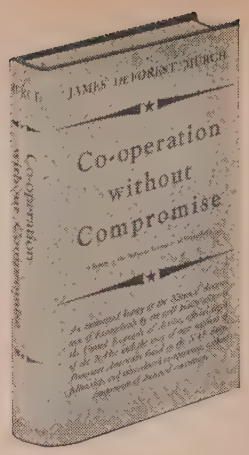
WASHINGTON, D. C.—Over 100 representatives of the major evangelical radio and television agencies in the USA gathered in the Mayflower Hotel here February 5 and 6 for the fifteenth annual convention of the National Religious Broadcasters, Inc.

The urgency of the paid religious broadcasting situation was repeatedly emphasized and plans were laid for an immediate fund-raising drive to underwrite the expenses of a Washington office and a full-time executive director. This project has been hanging fire for some years and it is the feeling of NRB leaders that something definite must be done immediately. Dr. James DeForest Murch of The Christians' Hour was named director of the drive.

The theme of the Washington convention this year was "Preserving Our American Heritage." Mr. Harold Fellows, president of the National Association of Broadcasters, introduced the theme, paying high tribute to the concepts of faith and freedom held by our forefathers and pleading for their preservation and perpetuation. In the open forum which followed there was lively discussion of practical problems in the field of religious radio.

Other "top brass" of the radio industry participated in panels and addresses. Among these distinguished experts were: Edward Stanley, manager public services division of National Broadcasting Company; George D. Crothers, director educational and religious broadcasts, Columbia Broadcasting System; Robert F. Hurleigh, vice president and director of Washington operations, Mutual Broadcasting System; Wiley F. Hance, manager of public affairs, American Broadcasting Company and Mr. Fred Garrigus, manager of organizational services, National Association of Broadcasters.

Evangelical broadcasters who gave major addresses were Dr. Eugene R. Bertermann, president of National Religious Broadcasters; Dr. C. B. Nordlund, director of Station WMBI, Moody Bible Institute; Rev. Ralph L. Freed, manager of "The Voice of Tangier," Tangier, Morocco; and Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffmann, speaker of "The Lutheran Hour." Dr. Bertermann's address dealt effectively with the basic princi-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Contacts with other specialized groups of evangelical broadcasters are being cultivated by NRB. The owners and managers of Christian Radio Stations and networks set up a temporary organization in Washington in 1957. The number and quality of these stations are rapidly increasing. The World Evangelical Radio Missionary Fellowship is covering the globe with the Gospel. A score or more of transmitters are already in operation in strategic parts of the world and broadcasts are going out in many languages. Other projects in planning stage give promise of even greater coverage. Evangelicals were leaders in this form of missionary advance and there is every evidence that they intend to keep in the vanguard of new developments on this level.

The second World Conference on Missionary Radio was announced at Washington. It will be held at the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago June 12-14. Mission executives, missionaries and radio station managers will come from many lands for this event sponsored by a Five Continent Committee.

Plans were also announced for a conference of the NRB in Chicago, April 14-17, during the sessions of the National Association of Evangelicals. Important changes in the NRB constitution will be proposed at that time. Election of officers for the new year will take pace at that time. Plans will be announced for important radio-television seminars sponsored jointly with leading evangelical colleges.

# WORLD-WIDE

## Evangelical Action Promoted in Belgium

ANTWERP, Belgium—The Society for Evangelical Action stimulates evangelical work in Flemish-Belgium by the weekly *Banner of the Cross* and an annual Bible Day, where Protestants from the most remote parts of the country come together.

For this work it has the aid of extremely able men, such as Rev. H. J. Hegger, former Roman Catholic priest of the Redemptorist Order, and Rev. C. Van Puyvelde, former Roman Catholic priest of the Carmelite Order, furthermore Rev. K. Blommaert, Methodist minister; Dr. H. Hans, Presbyterian; J. K. Overbeeke, Reformed; Rev. H. Buunk, Belgian Gospel Mission Minister.

Now and then, the Society issues large editions of its magazine. Some weeks ago in this manner, the circulation mounted to 40,000 copies on the occasion of Bible Day. More than once it starts a fierce contra-reaction, ignited by Roman Catholic priests. Nevertheless the results are encouraging. Among the small group of Protestants in Belgium a spirit of devotion is coming into being.

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Today Belgium counts ½% Protestants. Nearly the entire country is Roman-Catholic but in some areas even the Roman Catholic Church has lost its grip owing to the de-christianization.

## Divorce Question Agitates Many in Church of England

LONDON. —(E/P)— Considerable agitation has been stirred up in the Church of England over the rights of parish priests to remarry divorced persons. Reporting on the situation for *The Lutheran,* Vernon Frazier declares that present regulations state that remarriage after divorce during the lifetime of a former partner is a "departure from the true principle of marriage . . . and the Church should not allow the use of that service in the case of anyone who has a former partner still living." The regulations also provide that anyone remarried after divorce may be admitted to the holy communion only after special permission by the bishop.

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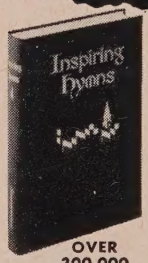


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Archbishop said that "clergymen who disobey it do so at their own spiritual peril." In a church where many parish priests do, in fact, remarry divorced people, the term "spiritual peril" caused great controversy.

Canon Bryan Green, rector of Birmingham and a well-known evangelist, wrote that the Archbishop's statement "seems to be nearer to the idea of an infallible corporate spiritual authority within the Church of England on the lines of Roman papal infallibility, than to agree with Anglican disipline and practice since the Reformation."

## Civil Marriage Difficult For Spanish Protestants

MADRID—(EPS)—A number of Protestant attempts made recently in Spain to gain permission for civil marriages where one of the parties is an ex-Catholic have been unsuccessful.

Following the governmental decree in October 1956, such couples have been able to apply for civil marriage. The 1956 decree declared invalid a ministerial decree passed in 1941 which had made the marriage virtually impossible.

A "supplementary note" issued by the registrar's department in April 1957, but not published as an official document by the government, declared that "legal obstacles" prevent the marriages because conversion to Protestantism is not considered sufficient proof of the "non-Catholicism" of people seeking civil marriage.

The ruling of the department means that the issue as a whole has not been settled. Cases must be heard separately and favourable findings referred to the registrar's office for final approval.

A group of Spanish jurists has informally stated its opinion that the new administrative measures nullify the 1956 ministerial decree and are contrary to Spanish law.

Final judgments by local courts towards the end of 1957 have in some cases reversed the earlier opinion of the magistrates in the same courts that the marriage could be contracted.

## Red Hungarian Church Leaders Pledge Loyalty

BUDAPEST—(RNS)—Top leaders of the Hungarian Lutheran Church who were recently restored to office under pressure from the Communist government signed a statement here promising to "educate Church members in the spirit of obedience to the State's divinely-ordained supreme authority."

The statement pledged support of the government's efforts to "build socialism" and urged "peaceful co-existence" between the Church and the Communist government.

It said that "all disputed questions should be solved by peaceful negotiation." It condemned "all efforts, both within and without, to disturb the country's inner peace."

Signing the statement were Dr. Lajos Veto, who replaced Bishop Lajos Ordass as Presiding Bishop of the Lutheran Church, and Erno Mihalyfi, General Inspector and Lay President, who is a member of the Kadar government's board of education. The statement also was signed by Janos Horvath, head of the State Office for Church Affairs.

The name of Bishop Ordass, who still heads the Church's Southern District, was notably missing from the document.

"The Church recognizes the revolutionary workers' and peasants' government and its divinely-ordained supreme authority, and will educate believers in the spirit of obedience toward the State's supremacy," the statement said.

It was made public simultaneously with an announcement that the government had granted the Lutheran Church supplementary financial aid for 1958.

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**A. T. Olson,** president of the Evangelical Free Church of America, spent seventeen days in Venezuela visiting Free Church mission fields and conferring with denominational leaders. A new literature division was set up including a new bookstore in Caracas. Dr. Olson saw the recent political uprising during his stay.

**Donald T. Kauffman** of Syracuse, N. Y., has joined the staff of the Fleming H. Revell Company, as managing editor. Mr. Kauffman has been a minister of the United Presbyterian Church for the past twelve years. He received his education at Houghton College and Westminster Theological Seminary.

**Cecil Jeffery** is the new extension secretary of the International Society of Christian Endeavor with headquarters in Columbus, Ohio. He will also serve as the general secretary of the Ohio C. E. Union. Mr. Jeffery was formerly president of the Los Angeles County C. E. Union and the California state union.

**Edward J. Carnell,** president of Fuller Theological Seminary, recently participated in the Boca Raton (Fla.) Bible Conference. On his trip East he preached in Calvary Baptist Church, New York City and addressed convocations in Wheaton College, Northwestern College, Bethel Seminary and Bethel College.

**Samuel Wolgemuth,** overseas director of Youth for Christ, International is on a tour of YFC operations in Hawaii, Japan, India, Europe and South Africa. While in India he will confer with leaders concerning the YFC World Congress on Evangelism which will be held there in 1959.

**Clovis Chappell,** renowned pastor, lecturer and author was Thaddeus C. Reade lecturer for 1958 at Taylor University. His series was entitled, "The Preacher Today." Guest consultants were Rev. Murray Johnson, Dr. Byron Stroh and Rev. Russell Kauffman.

**David E. Kucharsky** has been appointed news editor of *Christianity Today*. Kucharsky, a former Pittsburgh staff correspondent for United Press, succeeds George Burnham who will devote more time to religious coverage for the secular press.

## Book Shelf

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**"Piano Hymnscriptions No. 2."** Wilda Jackson Auld. 36 pp. Lillenas. $1.25. Moderately easy transcriptions of fourteen favorite hymns.

**"Laymen in the Church."** Paul W. Milhouse. 80 pp. Warner Press. Laymen need guidance. This would be good as an introductory treatise to put into their hands. The mission of the church in God's program is considered, along with the particular part the lay worker has in it and in relation to the pastor.

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**"The Interrupted Swimming Lesson."** Dorothy Martin. 64 pp. Moody. 50c. Fiction.

**"Pilgrim's Progress."** John Bunyan. 191 pp. Moody. 50c. A Moody Pocket Book.

**"The Martyr of the Catacombs; A Tale of Ancient Rome."** (Anonymous). 160 pp. Moody. 50c. A Moody Pocket Book.

**"White Water on the Yukon."** Bernard Palmer. 127 pp. Moody. 35c. Colportage Library.

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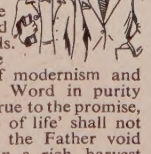

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their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." Let us determine that we shall make Matthew 6:33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you," the very essence of our activities. Let us give ourselves to the task of evangelizing the United States of America. But how are we going to do it?

First, we must get ourselves right with God. Every known and unknown sin must be bitterly, anxiously confessed and submitted to the shed blood of God's only begotten Son. We must tarry before God in humble dependence until we are filled to overflowing with God's Holy Spirit. We must tarry until we, ourselves, are broken of heart, aflame with compassion for souls.

In unity—note you, I did not say union—in unity, in cooperation, in majoring upon the evangelistic doctrines of our faith, we must give ourselves to attacking cities as a whole, rather than piecemeal. We must come together in great evangelistic endeavors as did Charles Finney, and D. L. Moody, and Billy Sunday, and R. A. Torrey, and Gypsy Smith, and Sam Jones, and Major Penn, in their day of power and victory.

We are not waiting for God. The Lord is waiting for us. He stands ready to pour out the mightiness of His

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gracious Holy Spirit upon us. He stands ready to give us the victories, evangelistically, spiritually, fruitfully, for which we are all longing. But, there is something we have to do. We must roll away the stones. We must clear the channels. We must unlock the gates. We must unbar the doors of our hearts and lives.

As we read these words, may the Holy Spirit of God stir us all up to a rededication of self and substance, to this matter of post war evangelism, of mass evangelism, of united evangelism, of cooperative evangelism, of deep water evangelism, of big business evangelism, of evangelism that makes the world to realize that the work of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, can be as engrossing to the people of God as are the football games, the baseball games, the prize fights to the lost world. God grant it, for Jesus' sake. Amen.